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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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(Nat'l Phase of Appl. No. PCT/CN2002/000728; I.A. Filed: October 17, 2002)
For: **A Natural Compound for Prevention and Treatment of Diabetes, Process for Preparing the Same, and Pharmaceutical Use Thereof (as amended herein)**
Inventors: LIANG *et al.*
Our Ref: 2108.0060000/MAC/DJN

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Second Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115; and

2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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In advance of prosecution, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

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